



TOWN OF SURF CITY

MAY17, 2019 WORK SESSION MINUTES

Agenda

9:00 AM / Friday, May 17, 2019

Surf City Welcome Center, 102 N. Shore Drive

Council Members Present:

Mayor Douglas C. Medlin

Mayor Pro-Tem William J. Buddy Fowler

Donald Helms

Nelva Albury

Teresa Batts

Jeremy Shugarts

Call to Order

Mayor Douglas C. Medlin, Mayor

Invocation & Pledge

Introductions & Welcome

Work Plan

1. Greater Topsail Area Chamber of Commerce
2. Low Speed Vehicles on State Highways
3. 2018 Police Report Review
4. Emergency Operations Plan: Hazard Specific / Hurricane Update
5. Managers Recommended FY 2019-2020 Budget
6. Zip Code Update Discussion
7. Food Truck Parking Regulations
8. No Smoking on the Beach

Town Council Work Plan Items:

1. Greater Topsail Area Chamber of Commerce

Kevin Yow with the Greater Topsail Area Chamber of Commerce gave an update on the status and growth of the Chamber. The membership currently totals 314 members up from 240 in the previous year. He explained how the app and the website have been updated and linked to town websites as well. They have established committees to work on specific events and chamber matters. Jeep Week is their biggest annual event and happens in September and thus far they have 50 people registered at this time, which is a 28% increase from previous years at this time. They have also established summer hours; they will be open on Saturdays from 10am till 3pm. He stated they would like to partner more with the town, support the town and to establish a

forum for the upcoming election. He requested to move forward with the same monetary amount as they have received in years past.

2. Low Speed Vehicles on State Highways

Chief Shanahan discussed low speed vehicles on state highways. The police department has received calls concerning these vehicles recently. Low speed vehicles are street legal; battery operated and have speeds of less than 30 mph. The calls received have been regarding the low speed vehicles impeding traffic on N. New River Drive and on the high-rise bridge. Studies show there are 15,000 golf cart related accidents per year. The concern is now there are rental companies in the area that drop off golf carts for weekly rental. Chief Shanahan requested the Council pass a resolution to ask for the prohibition of low speed vehicles on state highways. This would still allow for the low speed vehicles to cross state highways and for the use on town or private roads.

Mr. Helms asked for consideration for those on the mainland that own golf carts.

Mrs. Albury and Mr. agreed it was a safety matter with those low speed vehicles in the traffic.

The Council came to the consensus to place the resolution on the June agenda and give the opportunity for public comments.

3. 2018 Police Report Review

Chief Shanahan discussed the 2018 annual police department report. The report is available on the police department website.

4. Emergency Operations Plan: Hazard Specific / Hurricane Update

James Horne, Emergency Management Director briefed the council on the updated Emergency Operations Plan: Hazard Specific/Hurricane. He stated his goal date was June 1st to have all ESF's completed.

5. Managers Recommended FY 2019-2020 Budget

Ashley Loftis, Town Manager briefed council on the FY 2019-2020 budget, balanced at \$17,086,892.00 for all operations. Pender and Onslow County have a tax base rate of \$1,590,272,768 in Surf City, which is a 13% increase. There was no new revenue increase request.

6. Zip Code Update Discussion

Mrs. Hobbs stated the town has been working with its congressional delegates for many years and thy stated the town needs hard numbers. The town is waiting for the 2020 census for factual numbers on population.

7. Food Truck Parking Regulations

Mrs. Loftis read the food truck ordinance explained that it does have to be on commercial property only.

8. No Smoking on the Beach

Mayor stated there have been some request for no smoking on the beach. People are complaining about cigarette butts on the beach and the litter.

There was discussion on the issue.

Chief Shanahan stated NCDOT stated the speed reduction on Hwy 50 was not warranted after review of their study.

Mr. Helms made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Albury seconded the motion and it was carried.